

Fish Species Information:

Channel Catfish: This fish species is not only an outstanding food fish; it is an excellent sport fish. It is compatible in lakes and ponds with all species and works well with Hybrid Sunfish and Largemouth Bass. Growth rates are approximately 1 pound per year if fed commercial feed. Larger sizes are a good choice for fishing derbies.

Fathead Minnows: This fish species should be stocked in new ponds. They should also be stocked prior to stocking Largemouth Bass so they have an opportunity to spawn and provide plenty of feed for young Bass. Suggested stocking rate is 5 pounds per acre.

Largemouth Bass: This fish species is one of the most popular fish. They are predators and work well to help control stunted Bluegill and Crappie populations. By nature this fish will not accept artificial feed.

Bluegill: This fish species fit much of the description of the Hybrid Sunfish except they do not grow as quickly and tend to overpopulate much more rapidly than the Hybrid Sunfish.

Hybrid Bluegill: This species is produced by crossing a male Bluegill with a female Green Sunfish. This hybrid cross produces a 90% male, 10% female population, which makes the Hybrid Sunfish an excellent pond fish, as it will not over populate. Larger sizes are an excellent choice for children's fishing derbies. The Hybrid sunfish readily accepts artificial feed and grows to a much larger size than either parent (1-2 pound fish are not uncommon). Growth rate is about $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ pound per year.

Black Crappie: Black Crappie are silvery olive with numerous black spots irregularly spaced over body and have 7-8 dorsal spines. The Black Crappie can grow to be 5 lbs., however they are usually less than 2 lbs. It is recommended not to put Crappie in any body of water that is less than five surface acres.

Triploid Grass Carp: This fish species is an alternative to using chemicals for weed control. This fish will not reproduce and when the proper numbers are stocked the need for chemicals or mechanical weed cutters for weed control will be eliminated. Grass Carp will only eat pond weeds. Algae problems must be treated chemically. Cattails are best treated mechanical, either by digging them out by hand or with a back hoe, or cutting them off in the late fall so ice will form over the surface of the stem, which will cause the plant to die from lack of oxygen intake. Stocking rates for each pond is different, depending on weed severity: 3-5 fish per acre in a pond with severe weed problems are suggested. This Carp eats most aggressively in the summer. Good results are usually seen after a second seasons. For continued control of severe weed problems, fish should be restocked every 3 to 5 years.

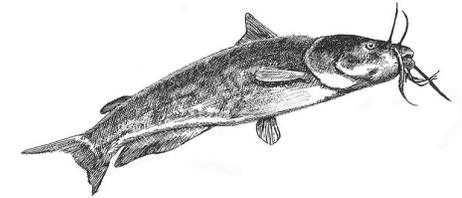
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2026 Pond Stocking Fish Sale

**When: Fish pick-up, Thursday
April 23rd, 2026
10 a.m. -11 a.m.**

**Where: Boone County SWCD
office, 211 N. Appleton Rd.,
Belvidere, IL.**



Brochure & Order Form

Order Deadline: April 1st, 2026

Telephone: 815-544-3465 Ext. 3
Email: boonecountyswcd@gmail.com

Order Form

Boone County SWCD 2026 Spring Fish Sale Order Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Day Phone: (____)____-_____

Deadline to order fish: April 1st, 2026

Fish pick-up will be **Thursday April 23rd, 2026** from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Boone County Soil & Water Conservation District office at 211 North Appleton Road in Belvidere.

PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY ORDER

PLEASE SEND CHECK OR MONEY ORDER TO:

Boone County SWCD
211 N. Appleton Rd.
Belvidere, IL 61008

We also accept credit card payments at boonecountyswcd.org. Please mail or email order form after payment.

Office Use Only

Check #	
Amount	
Date Received	

Species	Size	Cost	Quantity	Total
Regular Bluegill	1-2"	\$0.90 each		
	3-5"	\$2.00 each		
Hybrid Bluegill	1-2"	\$0.90 each		
	3-5"	\$2.00 each		
Redear	2-4"	\$1.90 each		
Channel Catfish	4-6"	\$1.50 each		
	6-8"	\$1.70 each		
Black Crappie	3-4"	\$2.40 each		
Largemouth Bass	3-4"	\$2.80 each		
Fathead Minnow	1-3"	\$15.00 per pound		
Tripliod Grass Carp	8-11"	\$15.00 each		
			Order Total	

****If ordering Triploid Grass Carp, please fill out the information below:**

County: _____ Township: _____

Township #: _____ Section #: _____ Range #: _____

Lat/Long: _____ Wholly Owned: Yes ___ No: ___

Water Name: _____ Pond Acreage: _____

NOTE FOR GRASS CARP ORDERS: It is very important to fill out the exact location of the pond on the order form under County, Township, and Section. Please return the order form by **April 01, 2026** as the fishery must apply for permits from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

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